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No. 1.

Fred S. Goldsbury.

Fred S. Goldsbury, the subject of our sketch, first saw the light of day in Barre, Vt., on the 13th day of September, 1872.

Fred attended school regularly and was always at the head of his class. He left school in November, 1888.

In '86 while attending school, he first became acquainted with the American youth's greatest hobby—Philately—and he was a follower of our "star-eyed little goddess" Philatelia, up to the time of his death.

Although Fred's collection was not as large as many of our philatelists, still, when quality is considered his collection was hard to beat.

His specialty was philatelic literature. His collection in this line was quite large, and could have been compared quite favorably with that of any philatelist in New England.

Unlike most philatelists, Mr. Goldsbury never had any great "Stamp Finds," but, nevertheless he had the good fortune to find and place in the hands of his many philatelic friends, an excellent stamp journal known as the *Yankee Philatelist*, which today ranks foremost amongst New England's Philatelic publications. He devoted all his time to editing and publishing the *Yankee Philatelist*.

Mr. Goldsbury's correspondence was enormous, his mail having been the second largest received at Barre, a town of over 8,000 inhabitants.

Fred was Vice President of the U. S. P. S.; Sec. of the G. H. C. C., No. 1, Barre, Vt. (which numbers nearly 500 members); Pres., G. H. C. C., No. 42, Newark, N. J.; Pres., G. H. C. C., Albany, N. Y.; Representative of the U. P. A., for Vermont; Vice Pres., National League of Philatelists and an officer and member of at least twenty other societies.

Mr. Goldsbury was endowed by providence with very handsome features, as his numerous lady friends can testify. In stature and weight, he was above the average, having been six feet in height and weighing 160 pounds.

In conclusion we will say that Mr. Goldsbury died on the 8th of October last, of typhoid fever. The U. S. P. S. loses an honored member, the philatelic world, an ardent philatelist. Those who have held a regular correspondence with him now fully realize what they have lost. Mr. Goldsbury was an enterprising young man, and always ready to assist a friend.

W. J. H.

The Post in the American Colonies.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST, ESQ.

Prior to the year 1639, the postal facilities in the American Colonies were simply those afforded by the personal accommodations of the settlers themselves. The

following interesting account of the arrival of the mail at Phila., is taken from the "Life of Benjamin Franklin," who was the first postmaster-general of the U. S.

"Letters arriving from beyond the sea were usually delivered on board the ship into the hands of the persons to whom they were addressed, each family sending a member on board for the purpose of receiving. Letters not called for were taken by the Captain to a coffee-house near the the wharf where they lay spread out on a table, awaiting the coming of their owners. Persons from the adjacent settlements called at the coffee-house and carried away not only their own letters, but all the letters belonging to people in the neighborhood which they either delivered in person, or deposited at the house of the minister or magistrate, or some other relative of the individual to whom the letter was addressed. Hence the custom grew of depositing at the ship coffee-house, letters written in the town and destined to a place in the interior, as well as letters brought from the country and directed to an inhabitant of the town. As settlements grew in number and magnitude, it became usual to leave letters directed to one of them at the inn most frequented by the inhabitants of that settlement. Thus years passed before there was a postoffice or post-rider in the colonies,—a rude, slow, unsafe but neighborly system of letter delivery had sprung up, and, long after the establishment of the post-office, this neighborly method continued to be the main dependence of the people for the transportation of letters for short distances."

But, in the year 1639, Massachusetts established a permanent legalized system. The General Court of Mass. ordered notices distributed among the people, stating that all letters which arrived from

England or those which were to be sent there, were to be brought to Richard Fairbank's house at Boston. Richard Fairbanks was to see that the letters were properly delivered, or sent according to the directions. He was to be responsible for every letter lost in delivery. He was not paid a regular salary, but received one penny for postage on every letter. This was the first attempt made to establish the post in America. The Yankee people seem to be ahead of other American citizens in the times. They have not won the honor of establishing the first post in America, but for many other things.

Virginia saw the necessity of having a post for fully ten years before the establishment of the post in Mass., but she made no arrangements until 18 years after that. The reason of this was that the settlers of Virginia were not made of the enterprise and push as were the settlers of Mass. About the year 1657, the authorities at Jamestown passed a law which required every farmer or planter to engage a messenger, to convey the letters or dispatches as they arrived to the next planter. The next planter sent his messenger on with the rest of the mail to the next planter, and so on until all the letters were delivered. This system worked fairly well, as every planter who violated the laws of the post was fined a hog head of tobacco. This, I claim, was the *first free delivery postal system introduced in America.*

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"Ye gods and little fishes." Did Mr. Rainey really write the salutatory that he claims the *Anchor* has stolen? I, for one, was not aware that Mr. Rainey possessed any brains at all. It takes a gentleman to write up such an article, which Mr. Rainey is not.

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Your obedient servant,

WM. J. HARMAN, *President.*

SPECIAL.

As there is a vacancy in the position of Vice President, caused by the death of Mr. Goldsbury, another person must be selected to fill this position. So, send in your nominations to Secretary. If no nominations are sent in by Dec. 20, there will be no election, and I will appoint a member to occupy vacancy. Office will expire April 5.

WM. J. HARMAN, *President.*

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As it was impossible to issue the *Bulle-*

tin again, we have decided to have this paper for official journal. I hope you will be pleased with it and show your appreciation by remitting dues to Secretaries. Owing to lack of time and large correspondence, I have been obliged to ask Pres. Harman to appoint Assistant Secretaries. We have decided to make five districts, as follows: District No. 1, Me., N. H., Vt., Mass., R. I. and Conn., vacant; District No. 2, N. Y., N. J., Penn., Del., Md., Ohio, Ind. and Mich., will be in charge of Pres. Harman, 18 Fountain St., Cleveland, O.; District No. 3, Va., W. Va., N. C., S. C., Flor., Ky., Tenn., Miss., Geo., Ark. and La., C. H. Solanas, 134 Magazine St., New Orleans; District No. 4, Minn., Wis., Ia., two Dakotas, Mont., Neb. and Ill., R. H. Becker, 128 Thompson Ave., St. Paul, Minn.; District No. 5, Mo., Kas., Col., N. Mex., Tex. and Why., Chas. Feste, Box 55, Crystal City, Mo. Other states vacant. We want a good Sec. for New England, and also for other states not mentioned. Who will volunteer? The Secretaries are furnished with blank report sheets and the rare stamps we offer as inducements.

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HARRY F. KANTNER, *Secretary*.

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We will give our members a surprise next month. Watch for it. If you have not sent in your dues by the 20th you will not receive the second number, so don't delay.

I wish to call the attention of all members to the condition of Exchange and Library. Patronize them. They are both fine.

We sympathize with the parents and relatives and friends of Frederick S. Goldsbury most heartily. Fred was always courteous and gentlemanly in manners, and had the seeds of his habits of industry and perseverance had time to take root, I feel confident in saying that Fred's future would have been at the head of the nation. We mourn his loss.

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No. 2.

Philatelic Breezes.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

Philatelists will be interested in hearing that both the new companies in South Africa are in the field with specially designed postage and revenue stamps. The British East Africa Company has started with an issue ranging from the half anna to five rupees, and bearing in each design a crowned sun, with the motto, "Light and Liberty," surrounded by a horse-shoe label, inscribed with the title of the company. An issue is also in preparation for the South Africa Company, which is following the precedent established some years ago by the British North Borneo Company, some of whose earlier issues (long since drawn from circulation) already rank among the rarities in the stamp collecting world.

In 1797 there were only 480 post-offices in the United States.

The free letter carrier system went into effect in July 1863.

The 1840 English stamp V. R. (black) with the letters in the upper corners, will easily fetch fifty dollars used, and twenty-five dollars unused.

A new stamp cancelling machine is being tried in the Philadelphia Post-office. It is operated by electricity, and is said to cancel stamps on letters at the rate of 25,000 per hour automatically registering the number cancelled.

The Post museum, which is one of the sights of Berlin was opened in 1875, and contains models of the principal post houses in Germany. Wax figures of the size of life represent postillions in dress and undress uniform; there is a large number of models of carriages and post wagons with their internal arrangements, maps and geographical drawings and a large collection of postage stamps, of all countries of the world.

The Post in the American Colonies.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST, ESQ.

The government of New York came to the front about the year 1672, with a monthly mail from the city of New York to Boston.

The letters were taken to the house of a public officer, to whom the price of postage was paid. After this the letters were sealed in a bag and delivered to the post carrier employed by the government. This monthly system of delivery con-

tinued for about thirty years, when it was changed to a semi-monthly delivery owing to the increase of mail matter. The route taken by the messenger was from Boston to Saybrook and Hartford, where the Boston post rider exchanged mails with the New York rider.

The New York messenger on the return trip delivered the mail received from Boston while the Boston carrier delivered that received from New York. This system was a good one for the times and proved very successful.

The pay of the messengers was fixed by the General Court of Mass., at 3 pence a mile. About five years after this system had been adopted, it was deemed necessary to have a regular officer at Boston to take care of the mail and see that it was properly delivered. The officer appointed was John Hayward, who in 1677, was appointed postmaster of the entire colony of Mass.

Wm. Penn issued an order for the establishment of a post-office in Penna. in July, 1683, just one year after the settlement. Then there was a weekly from Phila. to Md. The postal charges on every letter was fixed at 6 pence.

New Hampshire has the honor of establishing the next post-office. This was in 1693, and was between Boston and Portsmouth. This post was not a very active one, deliveries being made only when the amount of mail matter was large enough to pay expenses.

'Way down East, Maine, showed the advancement of its people by establishing a long needed post in 1760, more than a century later than the establishment of the Mass. It was a weekly route from Portland to Portsmouth, thence to Boston.

All the establishments so far recorded was the result of the enterprise of the settlers. Great Britain, the mother country had done nothing for the settlers

in securing their postal facilities. But in the year 1660, parliament made an attempt to regulate the postal communications in America, but the Colonies had already commenced building up a regular system.

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Some Useful Points.

BY T. J. MITCHELL.

The Greek stamps that were printed in Paris, can be recognized by the shading on the cheek, which is much lighter than on the ordinary Greek stamps.

There is a counterfeit 3p. green Newfoundland lithograph. The name is in two words (Newfound Land); only two leaves on left of the thistle and the stem of the latter does not touch the border. The genuine is engraved Newfoundland in one word, three leaves on left of thistle and stem touches the border.

Constantinople Locals. In 1865, M. Liaunos, established a local post in Constantinople. He issued the well known locals that are so exceedingly common. The lowest values were used on papers, the highest on letters and parcels. There was also a hand stamp for $3\frac{1}{2}$ paras used. Apparently M. Liaunos could not do as well as some of the American Local Posts, so he gave it up after an experience of about six months. Used specimens are very scarce.

Collectors are sometimes surprised at the small value of the native issues of

India. The reason is that the native postmasters sell them wholesale to dealers at prices far below the face value. It is easily seen that official morality is not high in the Indian States.

Sarawak. The stamps of Sarawak are not recognized by the Postal Union. Letters for foreign states and countries have to be restamped with Straits Settlements stamps, so they are merely local stamps.

Chronicle.

BY W. C. VOEGE.

UNITED STATES.—The *A. F. of P.* chronicles a Newfoundland local stamp. The type is the same as the 1847 issue of Bloods, but the name at the bottom reads G. S. Harris.

5c. black on white paper.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—The 8 centavos envelope is surcharged with new value.

5c. black on 8c. rose.

BRAZIL.—The 50 reis green has been re-engraved.

50 reis dark green.

Five new values of newspaper stamps have been added to the current set.

200 reis black,

300 " carmine,

500 " green,

700 " blue,

1000 " brown.

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO.—A new set has been issued, same design as before.

½c. rose violet,

1c. orange,

4c. rose.

COLUMBIAN REPUBLIC.—Antioquia. In the sheet of the new 50c. brown, there is a stamp of the value of 20c. The 50c. has been re-issued in a new color.

50c. brown,

20c. "

50c. green.

FINLAND.—The new 10m rose and brown has appeared.

FRANCE.—The 75c. has been re-issued in a new color.

75c. black on yellow paper.

DIEGO SUAREZ.—A new set of provisionals have been issued, lettered at top "Diego Suarez," "Republique Frances" below figure of value, and "Postes" on a large tablet at right.

1c. black steamship,

5c. " 2 heads, 1 white and 1 black,

15c. " also 2 heads, both white,

25c. " head of Minerva.

HAYTI.—The 3c. blue head of Solomon is now surcharged in red.

Deux—2—cent in three lines.

HONG KONG.—The following have been seen:

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30c. green,

48c. violet,

20c. on 30c. green,

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SUPPLEMENT.

EXTRA! EXTRA!

An election will be held in the G. H. P. A. for the office of Vice President, caused by the resignation of Mr. B. T. Drake. The following have been nominated:

E. J. Burkhardt.
Geo. A. Paine.
Chas. H. Blakeslee.

Every member send in his vote before Jan. 25.

J. S. SMITH, Sec'y.

In Memoriam.

The following resolutions have been adopted:

Whereas, It has pleased Divine Providence, who doeth all things well, to call from our midst our honorary member and officer, FRED STEWART GOLDSBURY, be it

Resolved: By the United States Philatelic Society that we bow in humble submission to His will, and be it further

Resolved: That we deeply deplore his death, and that in MR. GOLDSBURY the philatelic world lost one who has always occupied his position with honor and that his place will be difficult to fill, and be it further

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Costa Rica 2c red 1883,	.02
" 10c orange 1883,	.02
" 5c blue 1887,	.02
" 10c orange 1887,	.02
" 5c yellow 1889,	.02
" 10c brown 1889,	.02
Brazil, 6or black 1850,	.02
" 200r brown 1881,	.02
" 200r brown 1882,	.05
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Librarian, D. S. NEWSOME, 1017 E. Walnut St., Des Moines, Ia.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

All persons who have not renewed by Jan. 25, will be crossed from the list. Since the official organ has been issued, I have received but 8 applications for membership, as follows:

- J. Bernstein, Jr., 2268 Notre Dame St., Montreal, Can.
- A. Vineberg, 70 Victoria St., Montreal, Can.
- Thos. MacRae, Jr., 2242 Notre Dame St., Montreal, Can.
- M. Ship, 2084 Notre Dame St., Montreal, Can.
- Miss M. Morris, 2160 Notre Dame St., Montreal, Can.
- A. Lightstone, 617½ Craig St., Montreal, Can.
- A. MacGregor, 135 St. Maurice St., Montreal, Can.
- H. Wilson, Box 975, St. Catherine, Ont.

The above named gentlemen have met and organized the Canadian Philatelic Society, under the auspices and protection of the U. S. P. S. The officers elected were T. MacRae, Jr., Pres.; A. Vineberg, Vice Pres.; J. Bernstein, Jr., Sec. and Treas.; H. Wilson, Ex. Supt.; M. Ship, Librarian.

Secretary Bernstein is doing good work and expects to secure a large number of members. Every person receiving a copy of this number should renew at once.

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Yours very respectfully

CHARLES TESTE,
Box 55, Crystal City, Mo.

LIST OF PAPERS IN U. S. P. S. LIBRARY.

The following were presented to the Society by Secretary Kantner:

1. Phil. Jour. of Am., Vol. 5, Nos. 54, 57, 63.

2. Stamp Coll. Figaro, Vol. 4, Nos. 20, 21, 23, 25, 26.
3. Rhode Island Phil., Vol. 2, Nos. 5, 6.
4. Am. Jour. of Phil., Vol. 3, No. 5.
5. Dominion Phil., Vol. 2, No. 4.
6. Empire S. S. Journ., Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9.
7. Western Phil., Vol. 1, No. 3.
8. Curiosity Shop, Vol. 9, No. 3.
9. Keystone State Coll., Vol. 1, complete.
10. Fitchburg Phil., Vol. 2, Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8.
11. Yankee Phil., Vol. 1, complete, Vol. 2, No. 1.
12. Am. Stamp Jour., Vol. 1, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.
13. Central Phil., Vol. 1, Nos. 4, 5, 7.
14. U. S. Corr. Phil., Vol. 1, No. 1.
15. Phil. Express, Vol. 1, Nos. 10, 13.
16. New England Phil., Vol. 1, No. 2.
17. Philatelic Era, Vol. 2, Nos. 4, 5, Vol. 3, No. 1.
18. Curiosity Coll., Vol. 2, Nos. 2, 3.
19. Essex Co. Phil., Vol. 1, Nos. 6, 9, 11.
20. Philatelists' Friend, Vol. 1, No. 1.
21. Tenn. Phil., Vol. 1, No. 2.
22. Nebraska Stamp News, Vol. 1, No. 3.
23. Philatelic World, Vol. 8, No. 90.
24. U. S. Philatelist, Vol. 1, No. 1.
25. Fraud Specialist, Vol. 1, No. 1.
26. National Coll., Vol. 1, No. 1.
27. Stamp Advertiser, Vol. 2, No. 1.
28. Ye Boodle Phil., Vol. 1, No. 6.
29. Philatelic News, Vol. 1, No. 4.
30. Philatelic Tribune, Vol. 8, No. 4.
31. American Coll., Vol. 1, No. 4.
32. The Collector, Vol. 1, No. 2.
33. One Dime, Vol. 3, Nos. 3, 4.

I also received a fine lot of papers including Am. Jour. of Phil., Dominion Phil., etc., of President Harman, but too late to enumerate them here. Will do so next month. Every member should patronize the Library. No charges except postage both ways.

Respectfully,

D. S. NEWSOME,

Librarian,

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IMPORTANT.

As none of our members have sent in nominations for Vice President we take the liberty of naming the following:

Chas. S. Strain, Box 218, Fort Wayne, Indiana,

C. H. Solanas, 250 Roman St. New Orleans, La.

R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal.

Send in your vote for your choice to the Secretary before Jan. 25. Majority rules.

WM. J. HARMAN,

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Chicago, Ill. Cigarette albums and 800
cards to exchange.

R. E. Weed, 220 Ann St., Oak Park,
Ill., has camera, books and cash for
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Geo. H. Wilkins. 81 N. Ada St.,
Chicago, Ill. 8 cigarette albums, \$10
worth cloth bound books, pair fencing
foils, Flobert rifle, etc., for Safety Bicycle
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R. H. Austin, 75 Celestial St., Mt.
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50th edition price list to sell or exchange.

D. J. Hoffmann, 57 Fourth Ave., New
York. 2 Japanese postal cards, 1 Sn.
blue and 5 Ru. yellow to exchange for
other postal cards or stamps. Send list.

J. S. Smith, 431 Boulevard, Oak Park,
Ill. Rare foreign and U. S. stamps to
exchange for postal cards not in my col-
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Chicago, Ill. Would like to hear from
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No. 3.

The Little Fat Postman.

Oh, It's glad I am when the postman comes,
Mornin' or noon or eve,
An' its little I moind the shtips I take,
Or the wurruk I hev to lave.
I hear him whistle "whirree-er-oo!"
With his little round face so fat,
An' I know be the wink in his small black eye
He's bringin' me news from Pat.

Up an' down in his ould gray coat
He' thravelin on his way,
An it's joy he is to the saddest heart,
An' loight on the darkest day.
He seems to know whin he's bringin' Inck,
An' faith, I think he has cause, [sthrate
Wid the neighbors watchin' all down the
For the post office Santy Clause.

Oh, little fat postman, go your rounds,
Wid your mail-bag under your arm!
It's mesilf that's prayin' the howly saints
To be kapin' you safe from harm.
An' if on the quiet you'd sthale a kiss—
Ah! who would be mad at that?
It's not mesilf that 'ud be unkoind
Whin yer bringin' me news from Pat.

C. B. E.

THE REAL BENEFITS OF STAMP COLLECTING.

BY E. ELROY McD. OLIVER.

"Am I a stamp collector? Well now, I should say not. Of what use is this so called science,—philately? To my mind it is nothing more than a plaything,—something to

while away your time. Why can't you come out every night and have fun with the boys and I?"

These remarks fell from the lips of a boy of seventeen, whose sole object in life was to have fun. He thus addressed a quiet youth of his own age, who, a moment before, had asked him if he too was a stamp collector.

The young collector replied that he learned a great deal of history and geography, which, before he became a collector, had caused him a great deal of trouble in memorizing, but which he now remembered without difficulty.

"Pshaw! Is that all? You might as well play with a scrap book like a child of eight or ten."

With this parting shot at his young friend, the non-collector hastened away.

Twenty years have passed.

During this time our young collector has clung to philately. He has prospered and is becoming richer day after day. He is a happy man as he sits in the old arm chair near the fire, with his children upon his knees and his album in his hands. He wonders what has become of his old non-collecting friend.

Meanwhile, our non-collector has acquired bad habits among his associates in the club and pool-room, saloon and other places of vile amusement. These habits have clung to him through life. He does not care to work, until necessity compells him. He seeks happiness in his old haunts but fails to find anything but misery.

He seeks consolation in the wine-cup or

beer-mug but these lead him to drunkenness and vice.

Now dear readers, examine the two pictures I have described. Here is the happy father and philatelist,—the growth of the young stamp collector. There is the miserable drunkard,—the result of the youth who preferred pleasure to knowledge. Both these men began on even ground. Yet how different has been their later days! Whence this change?

I will tell you. Our young collector in his career as a philatelist, acquired considerable knowledge in history and geography, it is true, but these benefits were of minor importance when compared with the business principals and other useful information derived by correspondence with collectors and dealers. He did not care to walk around the streets but preferred to stay at home and study his stamps. Thus was he saved from doing evil.

So, dear friends, you see the effect of keeping the youth from the streets and places of vice, and securing good business principles and other forms through correspondence, are indeed the real benefits of stamp collecting.

THE POST IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST, Esq.

The postal business of the colonies was placed in the hands of Thos. Neale by William and Mary. Virginia acknowledged the authority of Mr. Neale at once. Regular rates were then charged as follows: To or from Maine and New Hampshire to Phila. 19d. To or from Phila. to Del., Md., or Va. 9d. Within 80 miles of Phila., 4d. To or from Phila. to Conn., 9d. R. I., 12d.,

Boston, 15d. After 1704, an officer styled the "Postmaster General of America" was appointed by the British government. When this officer was appointed stage coaches were introduced and mails delivered in Western Penna., Va., and N. Y. The British government appointed a "Postmaster General" for all British Dominions in 1710 and this postmaster general had directors in the principal cities in the British territory. One of these directors had his office on Broadway, N. Y.

At Phila., Andrew Bradford was appointed postmaster, and a very poor one he proved to be. Any reader of the "Life of Franklin" remembers how Bradford used his power to make Franklin's "Pennsylvania Gazette" a failure by not mailing it and how he substituted his own paper the "Mercury" instead.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

PHILATELIC BREEZES.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

FORGED STAMPS.

"Are not postage stamps forged to a great extent?"

"There is not much of that sort of business done in this country now. A few years ago there was a big dealer in New York who prosecuted a fraudulent trade on a large scale. He advertised enormously and sold millions of forged stamps, even going so far on one occasion as to invent a certain stamp in order that it might be sold as a great rarity. But the law against obtaining money on false pretences is applicable to that sort of swindling and very little of it goes on at present."

"It is scarcely possible to deceive a collector of experience with a forged stamp. The first thing he examines is the engraving. If

that bears scrutiny he inspects the paper and then he looks at the post cancellation and finally at the gum on the back. If no fault is found with any of these particulars, the stamp is surely genuine. The question as to whether the paper is wove or laid and how watermarked is incidentally observed in connection with the record as to date of issue.

"POINTERS."

By T. J. MITCHELL.

Watermarks. Many stamps are so badly cancelled that it is almost impossible to make out the watermark by any common method. But if the stamp is placed in a tin or a bowl of clear water, in a short time the water will soak through the thinnest part and is easily made out. The stamps of Russia cannot be treated in this manner as the stamps should be placed face downward in the water.

Collectors who refuse to collect U. S. Locals and at the same time collect native Indian, China, Shanghai, Samoa, Sarawak and those of several other places, which only carry letters in Local limits must find it exceedingly hard to explain away this inconsistency unless they think all foreign stamps are International in Character.

There are 40 minor varieties of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sen Japan, issue of March, 1872.

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EDITORIAL.

We are with you again, philatelic brethren, attired in new apparel. We hope you, are pleased with the N. A. P., and earnestly solicit a share of your patronage. The N. A. P. will be the official journal of the U. S. P. S. in the future. We will soon enlarge in order to meet the demands of our enterprising advertisers.

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To collectors we desire to say a few words. *You lose much by saving the 15 cents that it costs to secure the N. A. P. for 1 year.* You'll fall into the "soup" if you don't get the latest philatelic news. To keep wide awake you must read the NORTH AMERICAN PHILATELIST. Subscribe.

Think it over.

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Think it over.

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vertise your goods. The NORTH AMERICAN PHILATELIST is a well printed paper with large circulation among stamp collectors only. All "ads" are prominently displayed. As to our rates, -well it does not matter at all *what you pay.* The question is whether it *pays you to pay it.* Unless the dealers who advertise in the N. A. P., (and continue to do so) are in business merely for fun, the argument that it pays is irresistible.

Think it over.

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We wish our Exchanges would send their papers regular. Send a copy to both editors. Unless you do so, we will send you our paper no more.

HA! HA! HA!

Mistress—"Did you buy a stamp and mail the letter, Bridget?"

Bridget—"Oi did, mum and here's the change."

"How much did you pay for the stamp, Bridget?"

"Wan cent, mum. ~~The boy said he had~~ 'em all the way from one cent up and it is not the likes of Bridget O'Hooligan wat goes about wastin' money." —Golden Weekly.

HO! HO! HO!

Smith—"Say, Jones, what can that awful smell be up at the post-office? Smells like a glue factory, Phew! Do you know what it is?"

Jones—"Well, well, dont you know? Why its the dead letters, of course. See?"

HE! HE! HE!

Postman—"Say, sis, where's Mrs. Mally O'Dearmont?"

Sis—"I'd nor (know). She died last week but didn't leave any directions."

Young Men of Am.

U. S. P. S. AND G. H. P. A. MEMBERS TAKE NOTICE!

The United States Philatelic Society, the Golden Hours Philatelic Ass'n, the Golden Hours Phil. and Num. Society of Am. and the U. S. Stamp Corr. Club, have been consolidated under the name of the United States Philatelic Society. The total membership list of the above named societies is nearly 300. We desire every person on the membership lists of these societies to join the U. S. P. S. at once. The Constitution and By-laws of the Society will be published in our next number.

The dues have been raised to one dollar per annum, payable quarterly in advance.

The U. S. P. S. will immediately open several new departments, one of which will be for the benefit of dealers. The library will be greatly enlarged by the Consolidation. New officers will be elected at once. The following have been nominated:

For President:

Wm. J. Harman, Cleveland, O.

Geo. A. Paine, Lawrence, Mass.

C. H. Solanas, New Orleans, La.

There will be two General Secretaries.

Following have been nominated:

For Secretaries:

J. S. Smith, Oak Park, Ill.

Harry F. Kantner, Reading, Pa.

Cha. H. Blakeslee, New Haven, Ct.

W. C. Voegel, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Geo. P. Doan, Trenton, N. J.

For Vice-president

D. J. Hoffman, N. Y. City.

Wm. W. Storey, E. Camb., Mass.

R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal.

For International Secretary

P. J. Painter, London, England.

The Exchange Superintendent, Purchasing agents, Librarian and Executive Committee will be appointed by the President. The President will hereafter keep all monies of the Society, so a Treasurer is not needed.

Every member of the G. H. P. A., consolidated with the U. S. P. S. is requested to send in 25 cts. for quarterly dues and at the same time enclose your votes. Send them to either of the present secretaries at once.

Respectfully,

J. S. Smith,

Harry F. Kantner.

Acting Secretaries.

All U. S. members who have sent 25 cts. for a years dues will be enrolled for 3 months. The dues for G. H. P. A. members begins on the day of the expiration of their last months dues.

Henceforth the U. S. P. S. is a national society in every sense of the word. Any stamp collector of good moral character is invited to join.

The N. A. P. will be enlarged in order to boom the U. S. P. S.

Several good philatelic articles were omitted this month for lack of space. The "Stamps of Bolivia" and "A Suggestion" by Lroy will appear next month.

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CHRONICLE.

By W. C. VOEGE.

Argentine Republic—We have received the new $\frac{1}{4}$ centavo, head in circle, "Correos Y Telegrafos" above, "Centavo $\frac{1}{4}$ Centavo" below. "Republica" at left and "Argentina" at right.

$\frac{1}{4}$ Centavo — green.

Austria. — The current new set have been surcharged for use in the Levant.

10 Paras on 3 Kr. — green.

20 " " 5 " — red.

1 pia " 10 " — blue.

2 " " 20 " — olive green.

5 " " 50 " — violet.

Bhopal. — A new stamp has appeared in this Indian State. It is almost square and has the native inscription in a circular band, lettered "H. H. Nawab. Johan Becam." There are branches on each side of the stamp. The capitals B. L. C. I. are placed one in each corner.

8 annas — dark blue.

Bohamas. — The 6d. mauve has at last appeared, same design as the one penny.

6 d. mauve.

Bolivia. — The new stamps of this country have been printed from the old plate with 9 stars. They are perforated 12 and the colors are slightly different from those of the 1887 issue.

5c. blue.

10c. orange.

Brazil. — We have seen the new journal stamps with "Correio" above, "E. U. do Brazil" below in oval band at top of stamp. Across bottom "Journals" in a downward curve. At the bottom "10 - REIS - 10."

10 Reis -- blue.

British East Africa. — We omitted to chronicle the stamps of this Co. The sun crowned in a horseshoe shaped band, inscribed "Im-

perial British East Africa Company." On a band above "Postage — Revenue." Below the sun, in another band is the inscription "Light and Liberty." Value at bottom.

$\frac{1}{4}$ annas	Brown	1	Rupie	rose	
1	"	green	1	"	gray
2	"	vermillion	2	"	red
4	"	brown	3	"	purple
8	"	blue	4	"	blue
8	"	gray	5	"	green

Cape of Good Hope. — The 6 d. violet has been surcharged in red.

1 penny on 6 d. violet.

Columbian Republic. — A new one cent stamp has been seen, perforated 13.

1 c green on green paper.

Antioquia. — Four new stamps have been issued to fill the new set.

20 c. blue

1 Peso. red - carmine

2 " black - brick red.

Costa Rica. — A new official stamp received. Surcharged "Official" on the old 40c. of '83. There is also a variety, "official" instead of official."

40c. blue.

Chamba. — East Indian stamps surcharged in black, "Chamba State" in two lines.

6 annas brown.

12 " "

Official stamps. — Same as preceding, with additional surcharge of "Service".

6 annas brown.

12 " "

Simooore. — Official stamps surcharged. "ON. — SS. — S" in three lines on the regular issue.

6 pies black surcharged.

6 " " and red "

Italy. — We have the Postal packet stamps, surcharged for use as ordinary stamps of 2c. At the top "Valerole - per le stampe." At the bottom across the value "CM — 2" and

2 Reales black,

New South Wales.—Official stamps surcharged O. S. in black. Type is of old square stamp of 1854.

5 d. green.

Siam.—The 3 atts of Siam has been made into a one att by means of a surcharge.

• 1 att on 3 atts—green and blue.

St. Vincent.—Provisional issue 2½d. surcharged on 4d. violet. Block surcharged.

2½d. on 4d. violet.

Strait Settlements Jehor.—The 2c. rose of S. S. surcharged TOHOR.

2 c. rose.

Perak.—The same 2c. stamp surcharged PERAK.

2c. rose.

Another type.—“One cent Perak” in three lines and in four var. of type.

2c. on 2c. rose.

Selangor.—Two c. rose of S. S. surcharged “Selangor” in black.

2c. rose, two types.

Zululand.—The 6d. of Natal surcharged ZULULAND in black.

6d. violet.

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No. 4.

An Apology.

Is due the patrons of the N. A. P. for the late appearance of our third number,—due to the printer being ill.

U. S. P. S. members, Notice!

Owing to the late appearance of the third number, only a few members voted for new offices. As several nominees have since declined being candidates, it was deemed important to present the new list this month.

Please send your votes in immediately on receipt of this copy.

Candidates are:

For President:

Wm. J. Harmon, Cleveland, O.

C. S. Strain, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Geo. H. Wilkins, Chicago, Ill.

For Vice President:

R. M. Spencer, Nordhoff, Cal.

Geo. P. Doan, Trenton, N. J.

D. J. Hoffman, N. Y. City.

For Secretary:

W. C. Voegel, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Harry F. Kantner, Reading, Pa.

For International Secretary:

P. J. Painter, London, Eng.

Send in your votes at once to Secretary or J. S. Smith, 431 Boulevard, Oak Park, Ill. Polls close April 15th, 1891.

Secretarys' Report.

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Since my last report, the following gentlemen have applied for membership:

F. N. Massoth, Jr., Hanover Centre, Ind. Ref. J. S. Smith, H. F. Kantner.

Ural C. Hughes, Franklin, Pa. Ref. J. S. Smith, Jos. M. Johnson.

W. A. Clark, Tippacanoe City, O. Ref. J. S. Smith, H. F. Kantner.

J. Milton Streng, York, Pa. Ref. J. S. Smith, Geo. H. Wilkins.

Emil Neuffer, 509 Chatham St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Abram Goldberg, 29 Norfolk St., New York City.

Ref. J. S. Smith, H. F. Kantner.

Carl Knudson, Rothsay, Minn.

Ref. J. S. Smith, H. F. Kantner.

If no objections are offered within 30 days the above named parties will be elected members.

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Every member should try to induce his philatelic friends to join the U. S. P. S. Application blanks can be procured from me on demand.

All members should be prompt in paying their dues.

• Many members dues are collectable

April 1st, and will be credited from that date soon as received.

Fraternally,

Harry F. Kautner, Sec'y,
230 Penn St. Reading, Pa.

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The Constitution and Bylaws will accompany the next number.

Every one is requested to contribute such philatelic books and papers for which they have no use to the U. S. P. S. librray.

Several new departments will be opened as soon as new officers are elected.

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Philatelic Breezes.

BY E. P. NEWCOMER.

At a small inn at North Brested, near Bognor, England is to be seen a room, the ceiling of which is covered with stamps of all nations.

The proprietor has been indulging in his "stamp posting" hobby for three years. He calculates that at least one million stamps, worth before obliteration £14,000, have been used in the room.

The stamps of France are the most complicated and inimitable of all stamps in use.

"An increase of at least ten per cent in the postal revenue is apparent in my report," said Third Assistant Postmaster General Hazen.

"There has been a marked increase of business at thirty of the principal offices of the U. S., but I was astonished at the decreased revenues manifested in the accounts received from the post offices at Kansas City, Minneapolis and St. Paul. Hitherto

these three offices have kept pretty well together, due in a measure to the maintenance of a real-estate boom in the respective places. Now, however, there seems to be a collapse in that line. A comparison between the north, south and west, shows that these sections are keeping pretty well together. One of the phenomenal cities in point of receipts is Rochester, N. Y. There has been a noticeable decrease in postal revenues at New Orleans, due to the anti-lottery law.

Upward of \$10,000 has been cut off every month since the passage of the bill by Congress and the office has recently been re-organized and the force reduced by the retirement of nine men. New York and Chicago are running a close race as far as postal business is concerned, and the proportions assumed by this branch of the public service has become gigantic at both places. All through the west and south west there are splendid returns reported."

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"POINTERS."

BY T. J. MITCHELL.

One of the greatest rarities known among Australian stamps is the one shilling bistre of Western Australia, printed by error in the color of the one penny and water-marked *C. C.* and *crown*.

Grilled or embossed stamps— Sometimes we find stamps on envelopes that we suspect are grilled yet cannot be positive without removing the stamp from the envelope and looking at the back. The plan I have used with success when I wished to

keep the stamp intact upon the envelope was to place the stamp in a window at an angle of about forty-five degrees and allowing the sun to strike it in a direct line. Any embossing then plainly shows if the eye is placed on a level with the stamp.

There are two varieties of the one peseta Spain, issue of 1876. The common variety has the numeral 1 in the blocks at the lower angles considerably thicker than those in the rarer variety, and the letters forming the word "peseta" are thinner.

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The Post in the American Colonies.

BY PHIL. A. TELIST, ESQ.

There did not exist a man in the history of the colonies who produced such a growth in the post office as did Benj. Franklin. Being appointed postmaster at Phila. in 1737, he at once set to work to build up postal connections throughout the colonies and success attended his efforts.

He traveled through the colonies, examining every office. Heretofore, Great Britain was compelled to expend money for salaries and expenses of the postmasters in America, but under the able management of Franklin, the revenue derived was sufficient to pay all expenses. So well did he perform his duties that he was appointed P. M. of all the Colonies in 1754.

In this year he established a *penny post*.

When the Revolution broke out, Franklin, being a patriot was dismissed from his office. The patriots

knowing the the true value of Benjamin, appointed him Postmaster General of the Colonies.

A postal system was made in which all the Colonies were included.

The postage during the war was paid in paper money, but on account of the value decreasing so much only coin was accepted after 1778.

When Washington became President the rates of postage were: 8 cts. for distance under 40 miles; under 90 miles, 10 cents; under 150, 12½ cts.; under 300, 17 cents; under 500, 20 cents and over 500 25 cents.

These rates remained nearly the same up to the adoption of postage stamps by the U. S. in 1847.

Mrs. Malloy—"Och, wirra, wirra! Mrs. Maginnis, its a terrible thing thing has happened."

Mrs. Maginnis—"Shure, Shure, Mrs. Malloy phat has happened now, has anybody been kilt or phat is dis ruiction about?"

Mrs. Malloy—"Yis, Mrs. Maginnis, someone has been kilt. The litter carrier has just been here an' told me a dead litter were waiting for me at the office, and for the life of me, oi can't tell who is dead. Wirra! Wirra!"

The first postal card was issued in Austria, October 1st, 1869. Hungary followed on the 1st, of November and in July, 1870, Germany dropped into the ranks.

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EDITORIAL.

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What, no cover this month?

How is this?

We thought our patrons would wonder why we appear without a cover. The reason is because we wished to appear on time and to do it had to drop our cover. But we will appear more promptly next month, and with about sixteen pages.

Watch for number 5.

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Wake up! wake up, ye men of sand and sense! Don't you know the North American Philatelist is a great advertising medium? Well, it is. Read!

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John R. Keech.

Join the business procession and by advertising in the N. A. P., reap a harvest of gold.

Are you in it?

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Exchanges will confer a favor by sending their papers regular.

One to the Editor and another to the Business Manager, please.

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CHRONICLE.

BY WM. C. VOEGE.

I desire to inform collectors that I will hereafter conduct this department as follows: first the adhesive, next the envelopes and bands, etc.

If there are many card collectors, I would like to hear from them and if they wish me to include them in this department.

Would like to hear from all collectors in regard to new issues and other matters of importance.

Yours,

Wm. C. Voege,

32 Willoughby St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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Adhesives.

Argentine.—The "A. J. of P." says the telegraph stamps have been used for postage.

10c red. 40c blue.

Bamra.—The "Le Timbre Post" notes an error an error of the ½ anna

consisting in the word "Ramra" instead of Bamra.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna black.

Bolivia.— We must add the following to those chronicled last month.

20c. green.

50c. orange.

British North Borneo.— Two more provisionals have appeared, surcharged in red on the regular issue.

2c. on 25c blue.

8c. on 25c blue.

Ceylon.— A new style of surcharge is now used to make 2c stamps out of fours in black.

2c on 4c rose.

Diego Suarez.— We learn that all the large type set provisionals that were used two or three months ago, have been burned.

Great Britain.— The one pound stamp will be changed from brown to green.

Hayti.— New stamps with the arms of Hayti and palms surmounted with liberty caps, are being prepared.

1c rose.

2c violet.

7c blue.

India.— Jummoo. Recut die on three kinds of paper. See illustrations numbers 1609, 1609 A, 1610 Scotts' 51st, Ed. Catalogue.

Type 1609.

1. Native grayish laid paper.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna orange. $\frac{1}{2}$ anna blue.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " vermilion. $\frac{1}{2}$ " black.

2. European white laid paper.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna orange. $\frac{1}{2}$ anna yellow.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " green. $\frac{1}{2}$ " vermilion.

3. Thin white wove paper.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna black. $\frac{1}{2}$ anna vermilion.

Type 1609 A.

1. Native grayish laid paper.

4 anna black. 4 anna green.

4 anna purple.

2. European white laid paper.

4 anna vermilion.

3. Thin white wove paper.

4 anna black. 4 anna green.

4 " blue. 4 " yellow.

Type 1610.

1. Native grayish laid paper.

1 anna purple. 1 anna black.

1 anna blue.

2. European white laid paper.

1 anna green. 1 anna vermilion.

3. Thin white wove paper.

1 anna black. 1 anna green.

1 " yellow. 1 " vermilion.

1 anna slate blue.

India.— Pountch. Official stamps see illustrations, Scotts' Catalogue, numbers 1633, 1635, 1637.

Yellowish wove paper.

$\frac{1}{4}$ annas black. Type 1637.

$\frac{1}{2}$ " " " 1633.

2 " " " 1635.

New Zealand.— A new 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. was issued lately. Queen's head in oval lettered "Postage and Revenue" and "New Zealand" in downward curve. At bottom "Two Pence 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ Half penny.

Norse Be.— A lot of new provisionals have been issued to make some collectors happy. There are three styles of type, nine varieties of each value.

25c on 20c bistre.

25c on 75c carmine.

25c on 1fr. bronze.

Salvador.— The 25c revenue stamps were used postally in 1887, according to the "A. J. P."

25c orange.

Suazeland.— Regular issue of the South African Republic surcharged in black, "Suazeland."

5 SH. 6d. yellow.

5 SH. steel blue.

10 SH. brown.

Victoria.— Unpaid letter stamps, design, figure of value in octagon in centre of stamp, "Postage Due" above, "Victoria" below.

Color, red-brown and blue.

1 penny. 10 pence.

1 pence. 1 s. lang.

2 " 2 "

4 " 2 "

5 " 5 "

6 pence.

A new 2½ pence regular issue will soon be issued but we have not seen or heard of the color or design.

Western Australia.— The telegraph stamp of one penny with head of Queen in circle are now used for postage.

1 penny bistre, yellow.

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Envelopes.

Argentine.— There are only six varieties of these envelopes instead of the one chronicled in December, consisting in sizes of envelopes and surcharges.

5c on 8c rose, 6 varieties.

Bamra.— Envelopes same type as in second issue of this state.

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PHILATELIC BREEZES.

BY E. H. NEWCOMER.

The 1888 issue of U. S. adhesives are rapidly becoming rarer. Scott's 51st. edition Catalogue prices the

	New	Used
5c. indigo blue	\$.09	\$.01
30c. puce brown	.50	.20
90c. purple	1.50	.35
4c. carmine	.08	.08

Several months ago the 4 cent carmine was very common but now collectors and dealers hold on to what they have, awaiting a rise in price.

The 3 cent vermilion issued in '87 is now worth 8 cents in an unused condition and 3 cents used.

Prices of Rare Stamps.—A genuine Bergedorf stamp is worth \$150.

Six 1856 Canadian stamps cost \$100.

Eight Buenos Ayres stamps cost \$175.

Two 1847 Mauritis stamps cost \$1000.

Seven Natal stamps of the first issue will bring \$500, while three British Guiana of the issue of 1856 are worth \$600.

Four 1850 British Guiana stamps will sell easily for \$500.

Four 1852 Sandwich Island stamps cost \$1,000.

Ten 1850 Brazil perforated stamps are worth \$50.

Five 1860 Cape of Goodhope stamps in good condition will bring \$200.

The V. R. black English stamp of 1840, with the letters in the upper corners, when used is worth \$50, and unused \$25.

She 15c. and 30c. Reunion stamps are valued at \$500, and the 5c. stamp of New Brunswick finds a ready purchase at \$150. The Mulready wrapper on India paper issued by Great Britain in 1840 has been sold for \$400.

The complete issue of Cabul stamps cost \$1500.

Oh, me! Oh, my! Would't I like a few—just a few!

PHILATELIC FACTS.

BY PROF. TRUTHFUL INKSLINGER.

Grilled Stamps. Many collectors do not know why the stamps of the U. S. from 1867 to 1871 were embossed. The reason this was done is simple. The stamp when cancelled would allow the ink to soak through the grille and render it difficult to clean and at the same time make the paper easy to tear.

There are over 150 wholesale stamp dealers in the city of Paris. It is estimated that not less than 400,000 collectors live in France. One collector alone has over 1,000,000 stamps occupying the space of 125 albus.

The first U. S. local stamp was issued in July, 1842, by the City (N. Y.) Dispatch Post, at 46 William St. Setters were taken from the boxes placed in different parts of F. Y. by the carriers and delivered, charges, three cents for each letter.

The First Envelope Stamps. Several papers claim stamped envelopes for packages and letters were introduced as early as 1758 by a private Parisian Company. But these stamped envelopes bear the same relation to the regularly issued stamped envelopes of the present day as the old U. S. locals to the regular government issues. Many of the German, French and English philatelic journals claim Sardinia issued regular stamped envelopes in July, 1819 and March, 1820. No doubt these envelopes originated in the fertile brain of some German speculator.

It is claimed by many of the stamp collectors "across the big duck pond" that reprints of these envelopes were struck later on. One St. Louis dealer advertises the set for 80 cents. Don't buy them. You may as well save spool labels or tin-tags.

One of the rarest stamps known is that of British Guiana, issue of 1856. It was type-set in the colony for temporary use. Each stamp was authenticated by the post-master's initials. These stamps were never entrusted to the people, being affixed to the mail by the clerks of the post-office.

The three pence, rose, and six pence green of Natal issued in 1867 are about the only stamps of that issue now obtainable, and they will soon command high prices. The blue nine pence of this issue is very rare.

Friend, what do you collect? I suppose you collect a little of everything. Drop it! Be a specialist. You can never make a complete, nay, not by one half, collection of every country. Take one country and make your collection complete in that one nation. The stamps of Great Britain

and her colonies, the stamps of France or Spain or our own dear country offer excellent opportunities to every philatelist. Again, I say, drop it! Sell or exchange your collection and become a specialist.

NOTES FOR PHILATELISTS.

BY E. E. McD. OLIVER.

Probably the prettiest executed stamp prior to 1850, was the "Lady McLeod" stamp used in Trinidad in July, 1847. But one specimen is known and that is on the original letter. The color was blue on white paper.

What I call the first postage stamps are the embossed envelopes of New South Wales, which were issued early in the year 1838. They were sold at the post-office and used for the pre-payment of postage.

Which are the rarest revenue stamps? The Buffalo Philatelic Press says those used for the exportation of cigars, tobacco and spirits. This is no doubt true, since the quantity of cigars, tobacco and spirits exported from the U. S. is very small, and as the stamps are not placed upon the packages until they are shipped, they are rarely obtainable.

There exists not less than ten varieties of the Brattleboro', Vt. stamp, engraved by Thomas Chubbuck in 1846.

The rare 10 centime stamps issued by the Canton of Geneva in April, 1844 were divided and only one part used when a letter was intended for the town in which it was posted, while the whole stamp was used for foreign letters.

It is my humble opinion that the Livingston, Alabama, Confederate local stamp was the best designated stamp issued during the Rebellion. It is an excellent lithograph impressed in blue on very good white paper. The value is 5 cents. It is worth one hundred dollars if used and in good condition.

THE OFFICIAL STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY P. B. ALEXANDER.

Before the year 1872, the President, Vice-president, all ex-presidents, the widows Polk and Harrison, various Department officials, postmasters and Congress-men were either allowed to use the mails without postal charges or for a very small amount of postage. This state of affairs continued for thirty years, when it was discovered that not less than \$2,000, 000 on the average, was in this way lost by the nation. So this fraudulent privilege was repealed in 1873 it was deemed advisable to secure a series of stamps for the various departments affected by the repeal. The contract for supplying these stamps was awarded to the Continental Bank Note Co. of New York.

The following series were issued about the first of July, 1873;

Adhesive.

Agricultural Department.

1c.	6c.	15c.
2c.	10c.	24c.
3c.	12c.	30c.

Executive Department.

1c.		6c.
2c.	3c.	10c.

Department of the Interior.

1c.	6c.	15c.
2c.	10c.	24c. 90c.

3c.	12c.	30c.
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Justice Department.

1c.	6c.	15c.
2c.	10c.	24c. 90c.
3c.	12c.	30c.

Department of the Navy.

1c.	7c.	24c.
2c.	10c.	30c.
3c.	12c.	90c.
6c.	15c.	

Postal Department.

1c.	6c.	15c.
2c.	10c.	24c. 00c.
3c.	12c.	30c.

Department of State.

1c.	6c.	12c.	30c.	\$5.
2c.	7c.	15c.	90c.	\$10.
3c.	10c.	24c.	\$2.	\$20.

Treasure Department

1c.	6c.	12c.	30c.
2c.	7c.	15c.	90c.
3c.	10c.	24c.	

War Department

1c.	6c.	12c.	30c.
2c.	7c.	15c.	90c.
3c.	10c.	24c.	

Colors.—All the stamps of the Agricultural Department were printed in orange;

The Executive Department stamps in carmine; The Department of Interior in vermilion; Justice in purple; Navy, blue

Treasury, brown; War, red; Postal Department black. The stamps of the State Department from 1c. to 90c. were printed in green, while the 2, 5, 10, and 20, dollars stamps were printed in black and green.

Description—In all the departments with the exception of the Postal Department and The 2, 5, 10 and 20 Dollar stamps of the State Department. the designs in the corresponding values were precisely the same.

The design of the one cent stamps consisted of the profile bust of Franklin, (after Subricht) inclosed in an oval frame, at bottom of which is the value "one cent," with figure between the words.

The two cent stamps contain a profile bust of Jackson, after the production of the American sculptor, Powers, inclosed in an oval frame surrounded by elaborate frame work. The value "two cents" with figure below in center.

The design of the three cent stamps consists of the profile bust of Washington, taken from the execution of the French sculptor, Howden at Richmond, Va., inclosed in an oval frame, value "three cents" below with figure between the words.

The six cent stamps consist of the profile bust of Lincoln after the work of Volk inclosed in oval frame, with value "six cents" below and figure in center.

The seven cent stamps contain the profile bust of Stanton (taken from photograph) in oval, with value below as in the preceeding stamps.

The ten cent stamps consisted of a profile bust of Jefferson, taken from Power's statue in oval and value below as before.

[TO BE CONTINUED].

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EDITORIAL.

We begin this number with two apologies. First for the mean appearance of our fourth issue, and second for our late appearance and combination of our April and May numbers in this issue. We will try to appear on time and in better shape. Subscribers will receive eleven numbers besides this one.

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The first person answering this will receive a stamp worth 50 cents. The tenth person will get \$3.25 worth of rare foreign stamps.

Who will be the lucky one?

Mr. John R. Keech, whose advertisements appeared in the first number of the N. A. P., has retired from the stamp business, after selling his large stock.

Mr. S. M. Savidge, the popular young dealer of Pottstown, Pa. who had such an immense sale on the famous "World's Fair" Packets has also withdrawn from the philatelic arena.

Massoth, of Figaro fame, advertises the best dealer's outfit ever put up for the price. See "ad." on another page.

Several new papers are announced to appear shortly. Our friend Spencer will issue a dandy this month. Moudit, the Effingham stamp man, will try his luck with the *Philatolic Globe*, while Sweet will give a "sweet" picnic to his patrons in the shape of the *Philatelic Courier*.

The American Philatelist and Collector is the name of a journal to be issued by F. B. Estabrook & Co., of Marlboro', Mass.

Our subscribers have the privilege of using our Exchange Mart as often as they wish. Through it you can exchange your duplicate stamps to good advantage. It is worth the price of subscription alone.

We hold out no inducements to subscribers except the one mentioned elsewhere. We think the N. A. P. well worth the amount asked and do not intend to give every subscriber a prize. But the *first* and *tenth* will be the luck ones this month. Don't delay!

A number of copies go abroad this month. Will some of our English brothers exchange with us?

THE UNITED STATES PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

I have received but one application for membership up to time of going to press, which was from, Fred T. Hoyt, 243 Maxwell St., Chicago. References, H. F. Kantner, J. S. Smith. Let every member try to secure at least one member during the next month. I will send you application blanks upon request.

Yours Fraternally,

Harry F. Kantner.

The result of the election will be stated in the next number. The Constitution and By-laws have been prepared and will be sent to each member for adoption. If any corrections or additions are necessary, send same to the Secretary and it will be printed in the official journal to

be acted upon by our members. A list of books and papers in the library is being prepared. The entire list will be printed shortly. The Exchange Department will be re-opened May 1st. Let every member get his duplicates ready. New approval books are being made. A Purchasing Department, and Auction Sales Department will be opened in May. See particulars in our next.

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Dishonest Collectors.

"There is a black sheep in every flock" is a familiar proverb, and a very true one too. In every occupation known to man there are persons who delight in swindling and defrauding their neighbors anyone not watchful for their little games. There is no exception to this rule even in philatelic matters. The great difficulty with correspondence with other collectors is the large number of petty thefts which often take place in the operation. Many hundreds of dollars have been lost by dealers through the many clever schemes invented by cunning rogues, and the indications are that many hundreds more will be lost in the future unless more care is taken to whom sheets are sent, or an entirely new plan of selling is arranged, for the number of frauds are daily increasing. Canada especially is rich in this class of thieves. These rascals will write a long letter to some dealer in the U. S. requesting approval sheets and giving a list of false references. If the dealer is not wary, he will be caught. On receiving the stamps, the fraud will keep or dispose of the stamps and the dealer may write in vain for them, for they are in the philatelic "soup."

This class of frauds is abundant in the U. S. as well as in Canada, but the Canadian fraud cannot be caught by the U. S. Postoffice Inspectors, while the U. S. collector runs the risk of being detected.

Another class of these sneak collectors is the "Kid" who writes letters to different dealers, asking why he has not yet received the packet or sets he paid for and had seen advertised in a certain philatelic paper. This is only a "guy," but many dealers have been taken in by it and send the stamps requested, fearing that by failing to do so, their reputations as honest dealers would suffer by the tongue of the kid. This is an old racket and rarely successful.

Another little "gum" game of the small boys is to order a lot of stamps.

The carefully chased, the necessary amount in silver and then striking the coin with a hammer or other substance, cuts the envelope, withdraws the coin and mails the letter. The dealer on receiving the letter sees the impression of the coin upon the envelope and also the hole he believes the coin to have worked its way through the envelope while in transit.

He makes himself responsible for it and kindly sends the delighted urchin the desired stamps.

Some dealers are taken in by a youth who asks for a few sheets on approval. He receives a few, buys some and returns the rest, asking for rarer stamps. The dealer complies with his request. A few are again purchased, the balance returned. Another request for more and rarer. He receives them from the dealer but never returns them. The dealer at last writes a card to the youth asking for his stamps. He is greatly surprised to receive a letter from the boy's father or

mother in which it is stated that they destroyed the stamps because it took up too much of the son's time and they were determined to put a stop to his foolishness, etc. If a letter is written to the boy's parents, the dealer will find the letter he received was a forgery. This plan has been worked successfully upon many dealers.

There are many other little "gags" worked upon dealers but I have given you those used most frequently.

Now, how will we put a stop to these fraudulent methods of dishonest collectors? It is a question which has vexed many dealers. Some have suggested the idea of the putting away of the approval sheet system and selling entirely by pricelist and packets.

Others are opposed to this plan because by so doing honest collectors could not see the stamps before they bought and in this way perhaps receive torn or counterfeit stamps instead of the good genuine specimens selected from sheets. Let the dealers decide for themselves how to sell their goods.

I would suggest the following plan for the extermination of these swindlers.

Suppose every dealer as soon as he is convinced that he has struck a fraud would send the swindlers name and address to the leading stamp papers for publication. Every dealer could then be on his guard for the fraud. After doing this, write a letter to The Postmaster General at Washington, D. C. asking him to take action against the swindlers. It will only cost two cents.

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When a boy becomes so low as to defraud his fellow collectors, pure Virtue hides her face in shame while Vice glories in another VICTIM.

Cauca Stamps.

BY A. C. HALL, JR.

Among the numerous provisional issues of the Republic of Colombia, none are more curious than those issued by the state of Cauca. While there are only about four very rare varieties, still they are a beautiful and interesting set.

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1884. Same as preceeding type with the exception of having no frame.

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Notes.—Another rare stamp of this province is the 5c. red, printed on white wove paper. Issued about 1890.

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The stamps in question were formerly the property of August Lehmann, Jr., Paterson, N. J. and were sold in the 107th Auction Sale of the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., held Apr. 21. For information on these interesting stamps, see A. C. Hall Jr's. article on "Cauca Stamps" in this issue.

What One Philatelist Sees.

BY EDWARD PAYSON NEWCOMER.

The postoffice department has made an important decision with reference to the bond to be accepted from letter carriers throughout the country.

Hitherto it has been the rule to accept only bonds from private individuals for the faithful performance of the carrier's duties, but hereafter any reputable trust company in good financial standing will be accepted on a surety bond. The decision was made by the post-master-general upon a letter from Major Pollock of the free delivery division. The question was raised by Vice-President Lyman of the American Security Company of New York, and was refered to Mr. Tyner, the assistant attorney general of the post-office department. The postmaster-general rendered his decision upon Mr. Tyner's ruling that such bond might be accepted. The decision, it is thought, will be of great importance, for it will relieve the carriers of the unpleasant duty of asking their friends to go on their bond, and it will also remove a burden from the country.

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What One Philatelist Sees.

BY EDWARD PAYSON NEWCOMER.

(CONTINUED FROM THIRD PAGE).

The Senate was recently asked to provide for a fourth assistant Postmaster General at a salary of \$4,000 a year. Senator Plumb, opposed it and declared that he had not visited the Postoffice Department lately, but he had seen the heads of the department reading the newspapers and otherwise leisurely disporting themselves. He belived the department, was unnecessarily extravagant and charctized by a lack of attention to the public expenditures. This new office would simply enable the Postmaster General to devote all his time to private business.

Some people would not give a dollar for a hundred of the rarest stamps in the world, while others would mortgage a house to obtain possession of a single stamp. Some of the prices paid for stamps in this country are such as may well amaze the young stamp collector, and in Europe the mania is so great that some collections are almost priceless. There is said to be a remarkable collection at the Paris mint.

The United States took up the postage stamp in 1847, not such a great while ago after all. The first stamp bore the head of Benjamine Franklin, who was efficient in developing our postal service, and who was deputy postmaster general of the colonies in 1753. It represents him before he could be called old. It is said that he was good looking, with a fair complexion and gray eyes. The first adhesive stamp issued by Great Britian consisted of a profile of the Queen, with the word "Postage" above and the value below; but other governments saw in this a description of the sovereign, because her face was necessarily blackened by the concellation. Brazil was the second country which adopted the system.

Few but those directly connected with the postal service have a good conception of the magnitude to which that service has grown within the last few years. In the number of miles of railing postal routes the United States leads all the world. The combined length railway postal routes of the country is 144,557 miles, while the transportations of mails on those routes last year reached the enormous total of 186,575,384 miles. Germany comes next with a total length of 24,582 miles and a total transportation of 89,568,000 miles. But the railways by no means carry all the mails in this country. The star and steamboat service have a length of 261,792 miles, with a transportation annually over 102,000,000 miles.

To carry on successfully this immense service requires the work of over 90,000 persons. The postal correspondence of United States with foreign countries falls but a little below that of Germany, which leads the list of nations. Ninety millions of pieces were dispatched by the United States to foreign countries during the year 1890. The increase over the amount forwarded in 1889 was about 10 per cent.

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Secretary's Report.

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The first stamp paper published in the United States was the *Stamp Collectors' Record*, issued in December, 1864 from Albany, N. Y., by S. Allan Taylor. Forty-four numbers were issued. The *Coin and Stamp Journal*, the *Stamp Collectors' Gazette* and the *Stamp Argus* followed, but neither lived to see a complete volume. The first German stamp journal was the *Magazine Fine Briefmarken Lammler* which appeared 1863.

The largest number of papers published in any year was in 1889 when forty papers were in circula-

tion. The oldest journal now published is the *Philatelic Monthly*, which made its first appearance on the 1st of February, 1870. The finest paper published is the *American Journal of Philately*, while the largest journal to appear was No. 49 of the *Philatelic Journal of America* issued in January, 1889. The smallest paper was the *American Collector*.

Italy carries off the honor of issuing the first stamp catalogue in 1865. Many of the stamp dealers of the United States are now issuing regular catalogues, the largest being the 51st edition of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company's Standard Catalogue, consisting of 340 pages, with nearly 3,000 illustrations.

Many books have been published on the subject of philately, among which are "The History of the Postage Stamps of the United States," "Horner's Stamped Envelopes" and numerous others.

The largest collection of philatelic literature is that in the library of Mr. John K. Tiffany. Here can be found more than 11,000 stamp journals, all neatly and uniformly bound into volumes as fast as they can properly be made, besides all the different editions of catalogues, manuals, directories, auction sale catalogues, etc., the whole occupying several large book cases.

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OUR CRITIC.

The last number of the "American Philatelist and Collector" was quite an improvement over the previous ones.

As a philatelic paper, the "Empire State Stamp Journal" is a failure, being nothing more than an advertising sheet.

"One Dime" in its enlarged form is a great improvement. The reading matter is far better than heretofore.

The "Western Collector" is a new paper published at Burlington, Kansas. It will prosper.

The "Philatelic Fraud Reporter" has been enlarged, and in addition to the usual fraud list contains interesting notes.

The "Quaker City," "Southern" and "Eastern Philatelists" present the usual neat and healthy appearance.

The "Stamp Collector's Journal" is the name of a twenty-four page and cover journal from England. It is in its thirteenth volume.

The second number of the "Brooklyn Philatelist" was as neat as the first and contained good articles and notes.

The "Eagle Philatelist" arrives with sixteen pages and dated July, 1981. Typographically it is poor but it will improve with age.

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